AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) A chimeric protein, which consists of an Fc region of immunoglobulin molecule fused at its amino terminus to a partial protein of glycoprotein Ibα chain at its carboxyl terminus,

wherein said partial protein consists of amino acid residues 1-319 of glycoprotein $Ib\alpha$ chain, and

wherein the immunoglobulin is derived from human.

32. - 34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A kit for measuing glycocalicin based on inhibition of a reaction of von Willebrand factor and glycoprotein Ib, comprising von Willebrand factor and a chimeric protein that consists of an Fc region of immunoglobulin molecule fused at its amino terminus to a partial protein of glycoprotein Ibα chain at its carboxyl terminus,

wherein said partial protein consists of amino acid residues 1-319 of glycoprotein $Ib\alpha$ chain.

36. (Previously Presented) A chimeric protein, which consists of an Fc region of immunoglobulin molecule fused at its amino terminus to a partial protein of glycoprotein Ibα chain at its carboxyl terminus,

wherein said partial protein consists of amino acid residues 1-293 of glycoprotein Iba

chain, and

wherein the immunoglobulin is derived from human.

37. (Previously Presented) A chimeric protein, which consists of an Fc region of immunoglobulin molecule fused at its amino terminus to a partial protein of glycoprotein Ibα chain at its carboxyl terminus,

wherein said partial protein consists of amino acid residues 251-285 of glycoprotein Ib α chain, and

wherein the immunoglobulin is derived from human.

38. (Previously Presented) A kit for measuing glycocalicin based on inhibition of a reaction of von Willebrand factor and glycoprotein Ib, comprising von Willebrand factor and a chimeric protein that consists of an Fc region of immunoglobulin molecule fused at its amino terminus to a partial protein of glycoprotein Ibα chain at its carboxyl terminus,

wherein said partial protein consists of amino acid residues 1-293 of glycoprotein $Ib\alpha$ chain.

39. (Previously Presented) A kit for measuing glycocalicin based on inhibition of a reaction of von Willebrand factor and glycoprotein Ib, comprising von Willebrand factor and a chimeric protein that consists of an Fc region of immunoglobulin molecule fused at its amino terminus to a partial protein of glycoprotein Ibα chain at its carboxyl terminus,

wherein said partial protein consists of amino acid residues 251-285 of glycoprotein $Ib\alpha$ chain.